GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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RESEARCH FUND FOR PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government have established a research fund for Pharmaceutical Industry;

(b): if so, the objectives thereof;

(c): the quantum of the initial corpus funds;

(d): whether this fund will also be financed for research proposals of the private pharmaceutical sector;

(e): if so, the details thereof;

(f): whether any research is being done by the private sector; and
(g): if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) to (e): The pharmaceutical Research & Development Committee (PRDC) wasconstituted in March, 1999 to recommend measures to strengthen the research & development capability of the pharmaceutical industry in India and to identify the support required by Indian Pharmaceutical companies to undertake domestic Research & Development. In its report submitted to the Government, the Committee has recommended, inter alia, the establishment of a Drug DevelopmentPromotion Foundation, to promote such R&D. For this purpose, it has recommendedsetting up of a fund called the `Pharmaceutical R&D Support Fund` to be administered by the Drug Development Promotion Foundation.It has also suggested several fiscal and non-fiscal measures. The Government is generally supportive of the approach suggested by the Committee.

(f) & (g): Research is being undertaken by companies in the private sector depending on their capability and on commercial considerations. Government does not monitor such research in the private sector.